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Sir:

Applicant submits herewith a new, original application for filing entitled BONE FIXATION ASSEMBLY AND METHOD OF SECUREMENT. This application is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/731,625, filed December 9, 2003, for BONE FIXATION ASSEMBLY AND METHOD OF SECUREMENT.

Papers which are enclosed as required for the filing date under 37 C.F.R Section 1.53 (b) are 20 pages of specification, including 4 pages of claims, pages 16 through 19, containing claims 1 through 12, and a title page, which appears in front of page 1. The Abstract of Disclosure is contained on page 20 of the specification. Also enclosed are 5 sheets of formal drawings, containing Figs. 1 through 15.

A Declaration is also enclosed as required.

Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.9 and 1.27.

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Respectfully submitted,

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